

Mr. Brennan told the coroner that he had been away having a drink. An open casket was returned the case of the body of the unknown man.



# The Conservative Platform

As Enunciated at Halifax and Other Places by Mr. K. J. ... den, Leader of His Majesty's ... position in the House of Commons.

1. Renewal appropriation and expenditure of public moneys in the public interest
2. Appointment of public officials upon consideration of capacity and personal character and of party service alone. More effective provisions to punish bribe and fraud
3. Measures to ensure thorough publicity as to expenditures by political organizations, to prevent the accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters, to expedite hearing of election petitions and to prevent collusive arrangements, the withdrawal or compromise thereof, to provide for a thorough investigation of corrupt practices and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer to enforce the laws so amended
4. A thorough and complete reform of the laws relating to the Civil Service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examination
5. Such reform in the selecting of members of the Senate as will make that chamber a more useful and representative body.
6. A more careful selection of the sources from which immigrants shall be sought, a more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the bounty system except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of immigrants.
7. The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great national iron chises) for the public benefit and under such conditions that a respectable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall inure to the people.
8. The operation and management of our government railways by an independent commission free from partisan control or interference.
9. Development and improvement of our national waterways the equipment of national ports, the improvement of transportation facilities and subsequent reduction of freight rates between the place of production and market, whether at home or abroad and the establishment of a thorough system of cold storage.
10. The re-organization of the present railway commission as a public utilities commission with wider power and more extended jurisdiction, so as to establish thorough and effective control over all corporations owning or operating public utilities or invested with franchises of a national character.
11. The establishment after due investigation of a system of national telegraphs and telephones under conditions which shall be just to capital already invested in those enterprises.
12. The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and inauguration, after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail
13. A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles that can be advantageously manufactured from or by means of natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population.
14. The promotion by negotiation and other constitutional means of a system of mutual preferential trade within the Empire
15. The restoration of the public lands to the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan upon fair terms.
16. The unimpairment maintenance of all powers of self-government which have been conferred upon the Provinces of Canada under the constitution.

## CANADA'S DANGER.

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to Montreal, is being built, a scandal is created which will make the name of Liberalism stick in the nostrils for years to come.

The present net debt of Canada is \$255,000,000. By the time the new railway is completed it will be just doubled.

What does this doubling of the national debt mean?

It means that in order to build one additional line of railway across the continent, the Laurier Government will have doubled the burden of taxation upon the people of Canada.

It means that the new line of railway will have cost as much as all the other public works undertaken in Canada since confederation, as much as public buildings, the canal system, the Intercolonial railways, all previous railway subsidies, the debt of the provinces assumed at confederation, the aggregate of all the great expenditures since 1867 to 1903.

Small wonder, then, that the Minister of Finance is worried and that the money-lenders of the old land are reluctant to assume the financial obligation by subscribing for or buying either Grand Trunk railway guaranteed bonds, or even the government guaranteed bonds.

Hon. Mr. Fiddling was forced to acknowledge in the House only this week that the last Dominion loan of twenty-five million dollars had not been taken up by the public owing, he said, to the large number of medical and municipal loans now on the market.

It is a serious situation. The credit of Canada is being impaired by the national folly of the government. It is time to call a halt. With all the vast resources of the Dominion, with increasing population and increasing revenue it is still possible to so improve the country's credit as to show that it will take years to recover. There must be an end to the wastefulness, the recklessness, the extravagance, and a return to a sane administration of the country's affairs.

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